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TO: **Mail Stop: PATENT APPLICATION**  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under

35 USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) (NEW UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION)  
as a new:  utility or  design patent application  
for application entitled: LEAD FREE BASE LOCKING MECHANISM  
and invented by: Jianwu Li and Bradley R. Karas

Enclosed are:

1.  Specification with 18 total pages having:
  - a.  Claims numbered from 1 to 1-18 (3 pages)
  - b.  Abstract (1 page)
  - c.  Drawing (s) (35 USC 113) as follows:
    - (1)  Formal  Informal
  - d.  Total sheets – 3 with Figures No. 1A, 1B, 1C, and 2-8  
 Oath or Declaration with 3 total pages as follows:
    - (1)  Newly executed and signed  Unsigned
    - (2)  Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63d) Serial No. 09/606,387 filed on June 29, 2000
    - (3)  With Power of Attorney  Without Power of Attorney
    - (4)  Copy of an Associate Power of Attorney filed in prior application Serial No. 09/606,387 on January 29, 2002
2.  Assignment (Coversheet and documents)
3.  Preliminary Amendment
4.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
5.  Application Data Sheet
6.  Information Disclosure Statement  
 PTO-1449  Copies of Cited Documents
7.  Applicant hereby claims the 35 U.S.C. §119 benefit of the filing date of prior foreign application Serial No. 0216852.4, filed 19 July 2002 in the U.K..  
Certified Copy of Priority Document  
 Enclose  Will be filed subsequently
8.  Nonpublication Request under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i) Applicant must attach form PTO/5B/35 or its equivalent
9.  Additional Enclosures as follows:
  - a.
  - b.
10. If a continuation or divisional application:  
 continuation  division  continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. filed on:  
 Cancel in this application original claims of the prior application before calculating the filing fee (at least one independent claim must be retained for filing purposes)  
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line: This application is a continuation application Serial No. 09/606,387 filed on June 29, 2000 which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

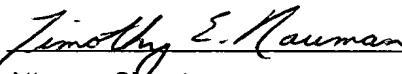
Prior application information: Examiner Anthony T. Perry Group Art Unit 2879  
For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1 d (2), is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

11.  Filing fee calculated and transmitted:  
a.  utility patent application filing fee as described below for the claims as filed less any canceled above

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Basic				\$ 770
Total Claims	18 - 20 =	0	x \$ 18 =	\$
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<b>Total Filing Fee</b>				<b>\$ 770.00</b>

b.  design patent application filing fee of \$330.00  
c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 06-0308 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
(1) Charge the amount of  \$330.00  \$770.00  \$ for the filing fee.  
(2)  Credit any overpayment.  
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(4)  Charge the Issue Fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).  
d.  A check in the amount of \$ for the filing fee is enclosed.

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